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Case 8312

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
R. AGYAPONG ET AL. :
Serial No.: 09/695,552 : Group Art Unit: 3761
Filed: October 24, 2000 : Examiner:

For: **PROTECTION TAMPON AND METHOD OF MAKING**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please delete "old" Claims 20-22 without prejudice. Please note that the application as filed had two Claim 19's, one of which is amended below to become Claim 20. Applicants do not intend to delete this "new" Claim 20. Thus, Claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application.

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. An absorbent tampon comprising:

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a mass of absorbent material which has been compressed into a generally cylindrical, self-sustaining form, wherein subsequent to said compression said absorbent material has a diameter of less than about 15 mm, said tampon having an absorbent capacity as measured by the syngyna test of between about 6 to about 9 grams, said tampon being fluid expanding, and said tampon having an expanded width upon fluid absorption of at least about 20 mm.

20. An absorbent tampon comprising:

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